

Ipswich Hospital Museum Recognised for Hard Work

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Ipswich Hospital Museum** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing an intensive year-long program that assessed their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* at a special event held on 3 December 2018. Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council and Councillor Jason Cook, Deputy Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate their achievements.

Ipswich Hospital Museum tells stories of the progress of local health services in the region. The Museum is located in the Jubilee building, the oldest and most ornate building on the Ipswich Hospital campus, high on Denmark Hill. Did you know the Museum's current display, *'Infections, Epidemics and Fevers of Ipswich'*, describes the treatment of fevers and infections before immunization and antibiotics were available to mitigate diseases?

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who play a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to the Reviewers matched to work with the Museum, Maggi Solly and Christine Ianna, Museum Consultants,

"The volunteer team at Ipswich Hospital Museum have used their participation in the Program to great effect. They have clearly identified areas for improvement but also confirmed where they are already applying the standards well. These include the development of changing displays, thorough governance and strategies for continued community engagement. They are to be commended for their passion, commitment and excellent work to-date."

Volunteers at Ipswich Hospital Museum said,

"The Standards Review Program has helped us clarify our priorities and reinforced that we are going in the right direction for the future."

M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said,

"Ipswich Hospital Museum is to be congratulated for what they have achieved through their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program. Their plan to strategically reassess their storage area to improve the long-term care of collection objects and house display items appropriately is commendable"

M&G QLD's Standards Review Program supports museums and galleries to build skills and capacity; plan for a sustainable future; identify strategic priorities for improvement; develop an action plan; and ensure the safe-guarding and accessibility of community collections and stories. For more information on the Standards Review Program, please visit <http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5520>

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Ipswich Hospital Museum's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes from the Program.

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Image 1 Caption: Jane Kingston, Secretary, Ipswich Hospital Museum receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council.

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Image 2 Caption: Ipswich Hospital Museum volunteers and Judy Andrews, Ipswich Hospital Foundation.

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